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DD/R's Submission of FY 1963 Operational
Program for OSP (later OSA)
Prior to the forecast of FY 1963 funding for

CORONA, it had been anticipated that CORONA would complete its scheduled ~~XXXXX~~ firings in FY 1962 with possibly some slipping over into FY 1963/ Now CORONA/MURAL (stereo) program has emerged as a new unprogrammed item and therefore additional FY 1963 funding will be required in order to support the estimated 15 launches under this program.

NRO review(s) completed.



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In submitting the FY 1963 Operational Program of the Office of Special Projects (later changed to Office of Special Activities), the DD/R described the mission of OSA as follows:

The OSP (OSA) has the function of supporting the Agency mission primarily through the development and operation of reconnaissance systems. Such operations have been and will continue to be conducted in response to requirements levied by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance of the United States Intelligence Board, and in some cases by individual military services or other agencies of the United States Government. The mission of the OSP(OSA) includes the following:

1. Development of vehicles and related photographic and electronic intelligence collecting gear.
2. Reconnaissance: (a) Photographic
(b) Electronic

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Part I - Operations and Activities Statement

1. Development of Vehicles etc.

a. OXCART: The development of the vehicle as well as related photographic and electronic intelligence collection equipment will continue at an accelerated pace. This Proj has been given top priority by the highest US authority. Following steps are planned:

- (1) Accelerated flight test program of the vehicle and special equipment.
- (2) Train overflight pilots and detachment personnel to a readiness status.
- (3) Establish operating and coordination procedures with other Govt agencies, i.e., USAF, SAC, NORAD and AWS.

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- (5) Construction of the opnl facilities shld be completed in FY 63.

Due to approximately one year's slippage in time required to solve some of the advanced state of the art problems tied to the development and production of the O airframe, engines and related systems, augmented funding for accelerating the program to overcome these delays will become mandatory in FY 63 in both the airframe and engine areas. The objective is to attain an operational capability by the summer of 1963. In addition it will become necessary in FY 63 to implement alternate developmental courses of action in several major engine component areas including additional engine test stand facilities as back-up measures.

b. It is planned that the development of a CORONA follow-on project utilizing a satellite vehicle for reconnaissance will be activated during FY 63.

2. Reconnaissance

a. Photographic

(1) High altitude recon will continue using the manned aircraft of IDEALIST. Requirements for the intelligence gathering capabilities of the U-2 aircraft and its associated special equipment has increased from the 20 forecasted in the spring of 1961 for FY 63 to a now estimated 51 missions. The unprecedented demand for U-2 photography will result in increases in operational as well as processing expenses.

(2) A minimum of seven opnl J-75 equipped aircraft will be required to meet operations rqmts. The seven a/c inventory will permit an allocation of two each at two separate overseas locations, two at the ZI Det and one a/c rotating through inspection and repair as necessary. Presently five of seven are configured with J-75. In FY 63 the two J-57 equipped a/c will be converted. In addition, in order to meet opnl rqmts one of the a/c will also be configured for IFR, bringing total IFR a/c to three.

(3) IDEALIST Det G is permanently located at Edwards. Its mission responsibility is to maintain a capability to stage to forward bases on TDY status and conduct opnl msns as may be reqd anywhere in the world. This det retains the responsibilities of continuing devel programs for new equipmt and tactics and trg new and replacement personnel.

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(5) IDEALIST Det B is located near Adana, Turkey. Only a small housekeeping detachment is permanently assigned to maintain the facilities for possible continuing use when needed.

(6) The COR program provides Satellite photographic reconnaissance in support of national intel objectives. Successful recoveries of COR payloads during the past year confirm the importance of the contributions COR has made to the nation's intel posture. Prior to the forecast for FY 63 COR funding, COR was to have completed its scheduled firings in FY 62 with some slippage into FY 63. Hence, funding previously forecasted was based on this planning assumption. Since at that time the COR/MURAL (stereo) program emerged as a new un-programmed item. Addtl funding in FY 63 will be required in order to support the estimated fifteen launches planned.

(7) With the extension of COR/MURAL into FY 63 and the programmed IDEA Photographic Msns almost doubling the forecasted estimates of a year ago, photographic material and processing contracts will require addtl funding to meet the Intel Community rqmts. In FY 63 the funding for all the film and film processing of IDEA, OXC, and COR is to be pooled as one endeavor. This funding will support the purchase of film from EKC and the film processing at that company.

(8) In addtn to the COR program the OSP is also engaged in certain opnl activities of the ARGON program. This uses the same satellite vehicle and launch boost as COR program and carries a film payload which is also recoverable. The primary msn of the ARGON vehicle is for geodetic survey purposes.

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